

Town of Fountain Hills Parks and Recreation Ten years ago it was not uncommon to see a group of local residents wearing aqua blue T-shirts or displaying bumper stickers boldly announcing the following message:

* Control Your Fate * INCORPORATE

This determined group of Fountain Hills residents called themselves the Citizens for Self-Government Committee and they shared a vision of what their community could become as an incorporated town. Two previous attempts to incorporate the community of Fountain Hills had failed but committee members felt that the influx of new residents combined with a clearly focused campaign strategy would lead to success in '89. The strategy was to clearly and simply demonstrate that incorporation would work. Since 1971, Fountain Hills had been an unincorporated community dependent upon Maricopa County for all governmental services. Residents paid taxes that benefited all incorporated cities and towns through the state shared revenue program. Incorporationists viewed these funds as "lost" money....money that could be used to operate and benefit their own town. They knew that the constitution and state laws gave cities and towns well defined authorities to provide for the health, safety and well being of their citizens. Incorporation would provide the community with the tools necessary to build a town designed by expert architects.....the citizens themselves.

A former member of an earlier incorporation committee, John Cutillo was the overwhelming choice to chair Citizens for Self-Government. Mike Minarsich served as secretary and treasurer Erv Trisko kept careful tabs on the Committee's funds. The first few meetings produced sign up sheets bearing names such as Bentson, Bill, Charles, Cutillo, Drabenstot, Erickson, Fox, Froncek, Gill, Hagan, Hansen, Kostura, LeVine, Marsh, Miletta, Minarsich, O'Brien, Pittsenbarger, Porterfield, Post, Rairigh, Regeski, Strohm, Tancredi, Trisko and Winter. As momentum for the movement grew, so did the list of volunteers. Letters were written, ads created, budgets produced, rallies were sponsored, Bruce Hansen's spaghetti dinner fund raisers made their debut, debates were held, telephones were manned, endless meetings filled countless evenings, 100 residents participated in the infamous "December 2nd Walk" covering the entire community with literature. And on December 5, 1989, the voters of Fountain Hills turned out in record numbers to incorporate their community and become the Town of Fountain Hills.

The decade of the '90's became the decade of dreams coming true. As the incorporationists had promised, the Town began filling the needs and wants of its citizens. Building safety services were locally provided, the Marshal Department was created to enforce ordinances and enhance the quality of life, a Zoning Ordinance and General Plan were adopted to guide future growth, award-winning parks were built and programs offered for all ages, dirt roads became paved streets, educational opportunities increased and Fountain Hills became one of the best places to raise a family.

On December 5th, we will celebrate the tenth anniversary of incorporation. On December 4th as we join together on the Avenue of the Fountains to enjoy the annual lighting and participate in the 10th Anniversary festivities, take a moment to have a piece of cake, pick up one of the commemorative bumper stickers......



HAPPINESS IS 10 YEARS

@ www.ftnhillsaz.org

and remember how it all began....

"Help Us Help You"

With the New Year coming everyone is immersed in what might happen. All those scary articles and television reports have some people thinking about hiding in their basements, if we had them, and coming out sometime after the New Year. I feel that all of the major problems have been taken care of, but there will be probably some minor glitches.

The Marshals Department will be open and all emergency services will be ready in case they are needed.

During the Holiday season the Marshals Department will be promoting traffic safety by looking for acts of driving courtesy. Those spotted will be stopped and given a gift donated by the local Kiwanis Club.

As a reminder the Marshals Department has services that include starting a Blockwatch, having a Home Security Evaluation performed by one of our Community Service officers, Kid-Care ID and RUOK Program. If you have any questions about these or any other questions contact the Marshals Department at 480-837-8800. Have a Great Holiday Season!

Chapparal City Water Company

CCWC has begun a new line replacement program in the areas listed below. This program will take about six months. We will be trying to best inform customers of temporary water outages that may affect their homes as soon as we become aware of them. Please be looking for yellow door hangers on your front doors indicating water outage dates and times on your street. We apologize for any inconvenience this project may cause, but the end result is better water service provided to the residents of Fountain Hills. If you have any questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact out Field Services Department at (480) 837-9522, extension 218.

Streets affected: Edgeworth Dr., Bradford Dr., Mayflower Dr., Bristol Bay, New Market Ct., Oxford Pl., Greenhurst Ave., Briarwood Dr., Winston Ln., Fairlynn Dr., Bainbridge Ave., Dickens Ct., Heather Dr., Fayette Dr., Drury Ln., Vern Pl., Hyde Park Pl., Westminster Pl., Stancrest Dr., Wendover Dr., Midland Dr., Keymar Dr., Isben Dr., Galatea Dr., Sherwood Dr., Bayfield Dr., Fairfax Dr., Cameo Dr., Ashbrook Dr., Kendall Dr., Brunswick Dr., Cotswold Ct., Sussex Pl., Westby Dr., Almont Dr., Cambria Dr., La Montana Dr., Hamilton

Dr., Montrose Dr.

Wise Water Tip: Water your lawn or garden with good sense. Water either early or late, never in midday when water evaporates the most. Avoid watering on windy days and make sure all sprinkler and drip heads are attached securely to the system. Most high consumption is due to excessive watering or poorly maintained watering systems.

Customer Assistance: Please ensure that your landscaping is trimmed away from your meter box. In order to accurately read your meter, we need complete and clear access to your meter box. Also, trimming bushes away from boxes ensure that our field technicians won't encounter as many of natures "little creatures" when they are trying to read your meter.

Fountain Hills Fire Department Safety Tips

The National Fire Protections latest report shows that December, January and February are the leading months for U.S. home fires and home fire deaths. On average, more than one-third of home fire deaths in the United States occurs during the winter months.

The biggest fire culprit is home heating from the misuse of portable heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves. Here are some safety tips:

- "Be sure to test your smoke detectors and review your home fire escape plan."
- Before starting a fire in the fireplace, have your chimney inspected by a professional and cleaned if necessary, make sure the flu is open.
- Be cautious with portable and space heaters. Place space heaters at least three feet away from anything combustible, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets and people. Never leave space heaters operating when you are not in the room or when you go to bed.
- Be sure your wood stove bears the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for proper installation, use and maintenance. Chimney connections and chimney flues should be inspected at the beginning of each heating season and cleaned when necessary.
- " Portable LP Gas (Propane) Heaters with self-contained fuel supplies are prohibited from home use by NFPA fire safety standards.







The up coming holidays are a time of celebration, and that means more cooking, lots of entertaining, Christmas trees and an increased risk of fire. Follow these fire prevention tips to help keep your family safer during the holidays:

Holiday Lighting - Use caution when burning candles. Be sure candles are placed in sturdy, noncombustible holders, and are kept well away form decorations and other combustible materials. Do not leave children unattended in a room with lit candles. Under no circumstances is it safe to use candles to decorate Christmas trees.

When decorating a Christmas tree with lights, be sure to purchase only those that bear the mark of a testing laboratory, never use more than three strings of light on one circuit. Mini lights are safest because they produce less heat. Outdoor lights should be weatherproof and clearly identified as designed for outdoor use.

Holiday Entertaining - Use caution with holiday decorations and whenever possible, choose those made with flame-retardant or noncombustible materials. When cooking for the holidays remember to keep an eye on the range. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S., so "Stand by your Pan"!

After a party, always check inside and under upholstery and cushions and inside trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering. When hosting or attending a party, always designate a non-drinking driver.

Christmas Trees - Make sure the tree is fresh, not dry or losing its needles. Keep the tree away from all sources of heat including radiators, furnace ducts, television sets, fireplaces and windows with direct exposure to the sun. Remove the tree as soon as possible after Christmas, if the tree becomes dry and begins shedding needles before Christmas. DO NOT TAKE A CHANCE! Remove the tree immediately. Never burn a tree in the fireplace, dry Christmas trees burn very hot and extremely quick.

Please be careful and observe these simple fire safety rules, and enjoy a Happy Holiday Season.

Take Credit When Credit is Due With Your \$200 Tax Credit Donation

Here's your chance to make an important contribution to education in our Fountain Hills Schools- and receive a lot of credit for your generosity and community spirit. Arizona State tax law allows individual taxpayers a TAX CREDIT up to \$200 (per return) on their state income taxes when they make a contribution in support of extracurricular activities in their public schools.

Please do not confuse this TAX CREDIT with a more common tax deduction. Although contributions to public schools have always been tax-deductible, this opportunity allows you a "TAX CREDIT" which you subtract, not from your taxable income, but directly from your taxes owed. As a result, the amount of actual taxes you must pay is decreased, dollar for dollar, by the amount you give your schools up to \$200.

With calendar year 1998 being the first full year for this tax credit, we're excited about your continued support of this great opportunity in 1999. The following table summarizes last year's TAX CREDIT donations received- by site and the programs supported:

McDowell Mountain	\$17,100	Field Trips, fine arts
Four Peaks	\$8,200	Field Trips, fine arts, Computer Club
Middle School	\$16,600	Fine arts, field trips, activity clubs, sports
High School	\$35,600	Fine arts, field trips, activity clubs, sports

Note: many donations did not designate a specific activity, which gave the school flexibility to fund worthwhile extra curricular activities on an as-needed basis.

As you can see, your TAX CREDIT donations enabled the students to take field trips, buy supplies and equipment for their activities, and a whole lot more. Where it used to take the sale of 400 cupcakes to raise \$200 for extracurricular supplies, it can now be done with just one \$200 TAX CREDIT donation. Just imagine the possibilities! If only half of the households in Fountain Hills donated \$200, the student's extracurricular programs would flourish and the state would be crediting back to the taxpayers/donors approximately \$1 million dollars.

If there ever was a true "Win-Win", this opportunity is just that. Please remember that this is a TAX CREDIT, not simply a tax-deductible donation. In addition to the TAX CREDIT advantage, your donation will go directly to the eligible activity of your choice. It just doesn't get better than that! You not only support an activity of your choice, but you get your donation back in the form of a TAX CREDIT.

For parents that pay for their children to participate in extracurricular activities, these fees are also TAX CREDIT eligible and included in the \$200 calendar year limit.

To claim your TAX CREDIT, please contact the school or schools of your choice for more information on this opportunity.

McDowell Mountain	480-837-1656
Four Peaks	480-837-9050
Middle School	480-837-7758
High School	480-816-1075

With only one month left for this TAX CREDIT donation opportunity in 1999, please do not delay - act today! Your generosity and support is appreciated.

Conversational Spanish

This informal course is geared towards those with little or no background in Spanish. The emphasis is on vocabulary and phrases immediately useful to communication in Spanish.

Where: Fountain Hills Middle School

Date: Tuesdays, January 18 - March 7, 2000

Time: 7-9 p.m.
Fee: \$30
Instructor: Anne Bender

Contact: Bryan Hughes, 480-816-5135

Convensational Spanish Too!

This informal course is builds on what was learned in the Conversational Spanish course. Continued emphasis on vocabulary and phrases immediately useful to communication in Spanish.

Where: Fountain Hills Middle School

Date: Thursdays, January 20 - March 9, 2000

Time: 7-9 p.m. Fee: \$30

Instructor: Anne Bender

Contact: Bryan Hughes, 480-816-5135

Dog Obedience

This class will assist participants in learning how to control their dogs and to begin to train their dogs to be socially acceptable. Dogs will learn the basic commands of sit, heal, come, stay, etc.

Where: Desert Vista

Neighborhood Park

Date: January 22 –

March 11, 2000

Time: Saturdays, 9-10 a.m.

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Matt Bourassa

Contact: Bryan Hughes, 480-816-5135

Boulder Canyon Hike

This moderately difficult trail takes us into the Superstition Wilderness Area, providing spectacular views with varied perspectives on this mountain range developed by volcanic eruptions. Distance totals 6.6 miles. Photo opportunities are abundant.

Where: Boulder Canyon Trail

Leave From Town Hall Parking Lot

Date: Saturday, January 22, 2000

Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fee: \$10



Computer Courses

Learn basic computing or sharpen your current skills with Robertson Consulting Group. Great classes for those who have recently purchased their first computer! Call for more information on Spring Session II.

Where: Fountain Hills Middle School Computer Lab Date: Spring Session I - January 10 - February 3, 2000

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Mon. 4-6 p.m. – Computer Literacy Mon. 7-9 p.m. – Computer Literacy Tues. 4-6 p.m. – MS Word, Beginners

Tues. 7-9 p.m. - MS Word, Beginners Wed. 4-6 p.m. – MS Excel, Beginners Wed. 7-9 p.m. - MS Word, Intermediate Thurs, 4-6 p.m. – Intro to the Internet Thurs, 7-9 p.m. – Intro to the Internet

Fee: \$65

Instructor: Ron Robertson

Contact: Bryan Hughes, 480-816-5135

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Tai Chi Chih

Since we all seem to like different designs, the October quilt class, Mirror Images, is your chance to create your own designed quilt block in colors that you like to use as a wall hanging, table runner, or full sized quilt. In this class we will discuss choices, yardage, block assembly, layering, binding, and quilting.

Where: Community Center

Date: Wednesdays, January 19 - March 8, 2000

Time: 9-10 a.m. Fee: \$32

Instructor: Fredora Nightingale Powell
Contact: Bryan Hughes, 480-816-5135

Friday Bridge

Come play the exciting game of bridge every Friday. Players do not

need a partner to participate.

Where: Community Center Time: Fridays, 10-1 p.m.

Fee: \$1

Ages:

Contact: Evelyn Breting,

480-837-9306

Ballroom Dancing

Move like Fred Astaire or Ginger Rogers or just plain join in the FUN! Dances covered include: the waltz, social foxtrot, Argentine tango, quickstep, rumba jive, cha-cha and samba. Beginning and intermediate levels offered. Intermediate students must have already taken the beginning class.

Where: Fountain Hills M.S./H.S. Dance Room Date: Thursdays, January 20 – March 9, 2000

Time: Beginners: 7-8 p.m.

Intermediate: 8-9 p.m. Adults, 16 years & older

Fee: \$55 per couple, \$35 per single Instructor: Al & Noreen Kurdzialek Contact: Bryan Hughes, 480-816-5135



Roller Hockey & In-Line Skating

The program is designed to teach beginners how to skate and the more advanced how to be the next Wayne Gretzky. In-line skating is open to all family members. Equipment needed: in-line skates, hockey stick and a hockey helmet w/ face cage.

Where: Palisades Outdoor Basketball Courts

Times: In-Line Skating: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Beginning Roller Hockey: 4:00-5:00 p.m. Intermediate Roller Hockey: 5:00-6:30 p.m. Advanced Roller Hockey: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Dates: Session I: January 23 - March 5, 2000

Ages: Grades K - 6th

Fee: In-Line Skating & Beginning Roller Hockey: \$24
Intermediate & Advanced Roller Hockey: \$36

Contact: Brent Bitterman, 480-816-5142

NBA 2-Ball

This two player competition tests shooting, passing and dribbling skills. Most of all, it is a game that all kids can play and enjoy, regardless of skill level. Teams get one minute to score as many points as possible from the various spots marked on the court. So get a friend and come out and play!

Where: Fountain Hills M.S./H.S. Gymnasium

Times: 7:00 p.m.

Dates: January 28, 2000

Ages: Boys & Girls, 9-17 years old

Fee: No Charge

Contact: Brent Bitterman, 480-816-5142

Karate Kids

This program will teach martial arts techniques and philosophy to beginners. Utilization of the entire mind and body along with having a good attitude is the focus of the course.

Where: Power Station Karate, Massage & Fitness Times: 4-6 year olds: Fridays, 4:45-5:15 p.m.

7-12 year olds: Fridays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Dates: Session I: January 14 - February 18, 2000

Session II: March 3 - April 14, 2000

Ages: 4-6 & 7-12 years old Fee: \$32 per participant

480-816-5142

Wrestling

This program teaches kids the basic skils necessary to become a competitive wrestler. Dan Kauffman, an accomplished wrestler and coach, will help teach kids the proper techniques and skills, as well as promote the sport.

Where: Fountain Hills Charter School Gymnasium

Times: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Dates: January 19 - April 12, 20

480-816-5142

Ages: All ages

Fee: \$20 per participant Contact: Milo Bonnin,



Gymnastics

Your child will learn the basics of gymnastics, in a fun, recreational atmosphere. Participants will learn cartwheels, walkovers, handsprings, and more.

Where: Four Peaks Elementary School

Times: Beg: Tues./Thurs; 3:15pm – 4:15pm Inter: Tues/Thurs; 4:15pm – 5:15pm

Dates: Session III: January 18 - March 9, 2000

Session IV: March 21 - May 11, 2000

Ages: Grades K – 6th Fee: \$65 per participant

Contact: Brent Bitterman, 480-816-5142

Adult Tennis Lessons

Maybe you are not ready for Wimbledon, but with lessons from Tom Lepisto (tennis pro), you may be on your way. This program is designed to inspire those interested in tennis to learn or continue their education in the sport of tennis. Session I begins the week of January 11th and ends the week of January 30th.

Where: Golden Eagle Park

Times: Beginners: 7:30 p.m., Intermediate: 6:30 p.m.,

Advanced: 7:30 p.m.

Dates: Beginners (Tues.), Intermediate (Thurs.),

Advanced (Thurs.)

Ages: 18 & up Fee: \$30

Contact: Milo Bonnin, 480-816-5132

Junion Tennis Lessons

Participants will learn the basics of tennis from Tom Lepistio (teaching professional). Participants will also play in tournaments during their sessions. Session I begins the week of January 11th and ends the week of January 30th.

Where: Golden Eagle Park

Times: Stars (4:30pm), Champions (5:30pm)

Jr. High (3:30pm), High School (3:30pm)

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Ages: Stars: 7 - 9, Champions: 10 - 12

Jr. High & High School

Fee: \$50 per participant

Contact: Milo Bonnin, 480-816-5132

Pee Wee Tennis Lessons

You're never too young to learn tennis. Participants will have fun learning the basics, while interacting with friends. Session I begins the week of January 11th and ends the week of January 30th.

Where: Golden Eagle Park Times: 6:30 – 7:30pm

Dates: Tuesdays Ages: 3 – 6 years old

Fee: \$20

Contact: Milo Bonnin,

480-816-5132



Coed & Men's Softball

Teams participate in a recreational league on weekday evenings. This is a great way to get some exercise and have fun with friends. Teams play double-headers each night. The season consists of 14 regular games followed by a single-elimination tournament.

Where: Golden Eagle Park
Times: Games begin at 6:15 p.m.

Coed plays Mondays, Men play Tuesdays

Dates: January 24 - March 20, 2000

Registration deadline is January 14, 2000

Ages: 18 years & older Fee: \$370 per team

Contact: Milo Bonnin, 480-816-5132

Starlight Spectacular

Come discover all of the winter-time constellations and the "Star of Christmas" at the annual Starlight Planetarium Show. There will be refreshments and a take-home arts and crafts project for the children. Please call in advance to register, seating is limited.

Where: Fountain Hills Branch Library, MCLD

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Date: December 15, 1999

Fee: No Charge

Contact: Mary Anne, 480-837-9793

Winter Break Turnaround Trip

Take a trip with 40 other kids to Universal Studios Hollywood! We will visit the theme parks, see some shows and more! You won't want to miss this one!

Where: Universal Studios Hollywood

Dates: December 28-29, 1999

Registration deadline is December 22, 1999

Ages: 11-18 years old Fee: \$80 per participant

(includes admission & transportation)

Contact: Amy Silverman, 480-816-5168

Tiny Tot Toddler Fun

Have fun making creative take-home projects and getting messy! Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

Where: Golden Eagle Park - Palo Verde Room

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Date: December 18, 1999

Ages: 3-5 years old
Fee: \$5 per participant
Contact: Amy Silverman,
480-816-5168



Program Offerings



Fountain Hills Parks and Recreation Program Registration & Release of Liability

Please PRINT

Main Contact							
Address				City _	s	state Zip _	
Home Phone	Work Pho	ne			Emergency Phone	e	
Participant's Name	Birth Date	Sex	Grade	T-shirt Size	Program Title	Program Date(s)	Fee
Please make checks	payable t	o: The	Town	of Four	ntain Hills	TOTAL	

Send to: Parks and Recreation Department, ATTN: Program Registration, P.O. Box 17958, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269 OR Deliver to: Town Hall, 16836 E. Palisades Blvd., Building A

	For Office Use Only
Date Rece	eived
Check#.	
Cash	Staff

I understand that no medical insurance is provided for Town of Fountain Hills activities and agree to assume the risk for any injury related to may participation or the participation of my dependents. I agree to make no claims against the Town of Fountain Hills or any of it's officers, employees, or volunteers for any injury or incident arising from this activity, however caused, including liability for negligence. I am physically able (or my dependent is physically able) to participate in this activity. I consent to any medical treatment my dependent needs while involved in this activity and I agree to pay for it. I realize that the Town of Fountain Hills is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

Signature of Participant (or parent/guardian if participant is	s under 18)	
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Senior Center Activities

Art Classes: Many opportunities are available for persons interested in expanding their creativity. New classes starting in January include:

Watercolor on Varied Surfaces
 Beginning Drawing: Texture
 Wednesday mornings, January 19 – March 1, 2000
 Friday afternoons, January 21 – February 18, 2000

• **Beginning Drawing: Color** Friday afternoons, March 3-31, 2000

Another opportunity for creative outlet is the new **Readers Theater** class that will be held Tuesday afternoons, January 18 – February 8, 2000, with a second session starting February 22, 2000. A **Bookbinding Class** (make your own book) is being planned for January.

Special interest activities are a **Fly Fishing Orientation** (January 5) followed by a **Fly Fishing Clinic** (January 8) at a Mesa city lake for all interested persons. For women, there are two groups: "**Table Talk**" is offered on Thursday afternoons and "**60** 'n' **Single**" meets to plan outings. **Day Trips** and "**Peer Planned Arizona Adventures**" are ongoing events.

Fitness and feeling fine are aspects of successful aging. The Center offers several means on maintaining health, any of which people can join at any time:

Low Impact Aerobics
 Strength Training
 Line Dancing
 Tuesday & Thursday mornings
 Tuesday & Thursday mornings
 Thursday mornings
 No Charge

Call for planning updates for Chair Yoga and Tai Chi, 480-816-5888.

Holiday Events and Special Events:

December 8, 1999 1:30-3:30 p.m. "Sparkle for the Holiday" makeup & demo
December 15, 1999 1:30-3:00 p.m. "Holiday Healthy Eating" recipes & cooking demo
December 16, 1999 1:30-4:00 p.m. Ballroom Dancing with The Merry Makers

January 14, 2000 1:00-3:00 p.m. Open House & Registration for Classes

Ongoing services provided by or referred by the Center: benefits counseling (Social Security and Medicare), Home Delivered Meals, grief support, connection to other resources. Call the Senior Activity Center of Fountain Hills, 480-816-5888.

Desert Vista Neighborhood Park Opens

Desert Vista Neighborhood Park will be officially open to the public on Saturday, December 11, 1999. The Town of Fountain Hills developed the 12-acre parcel in conjunction with MCO Properties and the Fountain Hills Sanitary District. The only amenity currently at the park is the off-leash recreation area for both passive and active dogs (over 3 acres). Come join ADOG on December 11th to help celebrate the park's dedication. If you have any questions, please call Parks and Recreation at 480-816-5124.

How to Contact Us

Town Hall:
Parks & Recreation:
Marshals Department: 480-837-8800
Sheriff's Department:
Fire Department:
Public Library:
Community Center:
Senior Center:
Chaparral City Water Company: 480-837-9522
Fountain Hills Sanitary District: 480-837-9444
Fountain Hills Unified School Dist #98: 480-837-0693



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